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SCHOOLS.

A Morning Prayer to be uſed by the Maſters or Miſtreſſes, and Scholars.

PRAISED be the Lord, from the riſing up of the Sun to the going down of the ſame. Thou art our God, and we will Praiſe Thee: Thou art our God, and we will Thank Thee.

Thou haſt made us after thine own Image; Thou daily preſerveſt and provideſt for us: Thou haſt redeemed us by the precious Blood of thy dear Son; Thou haſt given us thy holy Word for our Direction, and promiſed thy Holy Spirit for our Aſſiſtance: Thou haſt raiſed up to us Friends and Benefactors, who have taken Care of our Education and Inſtruction; thou haſt brought us together again this Morning, to teach and to learn that which may be profitable to us.

For theſe and all thy Favours Spiritual and Temporal, our Souls do bleſs and magnify thy holy Name, humbly beſeeching Thee to accept this our Morning Sacrifice of Praiſe and Thankſgiving, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

And do Thou, O Lord, who haſt ſafely brought us to the Beginning of this Day, defend us in the ſame by thy mighty Power; and grant that this Day we fall into no Sin, neither run into any Kind of Danger; but that all our Doings may be ordered by thy Governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy Sight, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Particularly we beg thy Bleſſing upon our preſent Undertaking. Prevent us, O Lord, in all our Doings, with thy moſt gracious Favour, and further us with thy continual Help, that in theſe and all our Works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy Mercy obtain everlaſting Life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

We humbly acknowledge, O Lord, the great Imperfection and Diſorder both of our Minds, and of our Lives; that we are unable to help ourſelves, and unworthy of thy Aſſiſtance: But we beſeech Thee, through the Merits of our bleſſed Redeemer, to pardon our Offences, to enlighten our Underſtandings, to ſtrengthen our Memories, to ſanctify our Hearts, and to guide our Lives. Help us, we pray Thee, to learn and to practiſe thoſe Things which are Good, that we may become ſerious Chriſtians, and uſeful in the World; to the Glory of thy great Name, the Satisfaction of thoſe who have ſo kindly provided

vided for our Souls and Bodies, and our own preſent and future Well-being.

Bleſs and defend, we beſeech Thee, from all their Enemies, our moſt gracious Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Dowager of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family. Let thy Bleſſings be alſo beſtowed upon all thoſe in Authority under His Majeſty in Church and State; as alſo upon all our Friends and Benefactors; particularly *Thoſe who are concerned in the Care of this School.* Proſper Thou the Work of their Hands: O Lord, proſper Thou their Handy-work.

Theſe Prayers, both for them and ourſelves, we humbly offer up in the Name of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, our Redeemer, concluding in his moſt perfect Form of Words.

Our Father, &c.

An Evening Prayer to be uſed by the Maſters or Miſtreſſes, and Scholars.

ACcept, we beſeech Thee, O Lord, our Evening Sacrifice of Praiſe and Thanksgiving for all thy Goodneſs and Loving-kindneſs to us; particularly for the Bleſſings of this Day, for thy gracious Protection and Preſervation; for the Opportunities we have enjoyed for the Inſtruction and Improvement of

our Minds, for all the Comforts of this Life, and the Hope of Life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

We humbly acknowledge, O Lord, that we are altogether unworthy of the least of all thy Favours; that we continually fall short of our Duty, and have too often transgressed thy holy Laws.

Forgive, most merciful Father, we humbly pray thee, all the Errors and Transgressions which thou hast beheld in us the Day past; and help us to express our unfeigned Sorrow for what has been amiss, by our Care to amend it.

What we know not, do thou teach us; instruct us in all the Particulars of our Duty, both towards Thee, and towards Men; and give us Grace always to do those Things which are good and well-pleasing in thy Sight, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord.

Whatsoever good Instructions have been here given us this Day, grant that they may be carefully remembered, and duly followed; and whatsoever good Desires Thou hast put into any of our Hearts, grant that by the Assistance of thy Grace they may be brought to good Effect, that thy Name may have the Honour, and we, with those who are assistant to us in this Work of our Instruction, may have Comfort at the Day of Account, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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Lighten our Darkneſs, we beſeech Thee, O Lord, and by thy great Mercy defend us from all Perils and Dangers of this Night; continue to us the Bleſſings which we enjoy, and help us to teſtify our Thankfulneſs for them, by a due Uſe and Improvement of them.

Bleſs and defend, we beſeech Thee, from all their Enemies, our moſt gracious Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Dowager of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family.

Bleſs alſo all thoſe in Authority in Church and State, together with all our Friends and Benefactors, particularly *Thoſe who are concerned in the Care of this School*, for whom we are bound in eſpecial Manner to pray. Bleſs this and all other Schools for Religious and truly Chriſtian Education. And direct and proſper all pious Endeavours for the Propagation of thy Goſpel, and promoting Chriſtian Knowledge in the World.

Theſe Prayers and Praiſes we humbly offer up to thy divine Majeſty, through the Mediation of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; in whoſe holy Name and Words we ſum up all our Deſires.

Our Father, &c.

A Morning Prayer to be uſed daily by every Child at Home.

GLory be to Thee, O Lord, who haſt preſerved me from the Perils of the Night paſt, who haſt refreſhed me with Sleep, and raiſed me up again to praiſe thy holy Name.

I humbly worſhip Thee, O God my heavenly Father, through Jeſus Chriſt my Redeemer; and I do again devote myſelf to Thee, deſiring to ſerve Thee faithfully this, and all the Days of my Life.

I was made thy Child, and the Diſciple of thy Son Jeſus, by Baptiſm, and then received the Promiſe of thy Holy Spirit. Let that good Spirit throughly cleanſe me from all the Corruption of my Nature.

Help me to remember Thee, my Creator, in the Days of my Youth.

Preſerve me from thoſe Errors and Follies, to which the Frailty of my Age does moſt expoſe me, and keep me innocent from every great Offence.

Deliver me from the Vanity of mine own Heart, and from the Temptations of evil Company.

Incline my Heart to all that is Good; that I may be Modeſt and Humble, True and Juſt, Temperate and Diligent, Reſpectful and Obedient to my Superiors; that I may Fear and Love

Love Thee above all, that I may love my Neighbour as myſelf, and do to every one as I would they ſhould do unto me.

Let thy good Providence defend me this Day from all Evil; let the Grace of thy holy Spirit continually prevent and aſſiſt me.

Bleſs me, I pray Thee, in my Learning; and help me daily to increaſe in Knowledge, and Wiſdom, and all Virtue.

Bleſs and defend, I beſeech Thee, from all their Enemies, our moſt gracious Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Dowager of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family.

I humbly beg thy Bleſſing alſo upon all our ſpiritual Paſtors and Maſters, all my Relations and Friends, (particularly my * Father and Mother, my Brothers and Siſters) and every one in this Houſe. Grant to them whatſoever may be good for them in this Life, and guide them to Life everlaſting.

I humbly commit myſelf to Thee, O Lord, in the Name of Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour, and in the Words which He himſelf hath taught me.

Our Father, &c.

* *Here let every Child mention his or her particular Relations.*

An Evening Prayer, to be uſed daily by every Child at Home.

GLory be to Thee, O Lord, who haſt preſerved me the Day paſt, who haſt defended me from all the Evils to which I am conſtantly expoſed in this uncertain Life; who haſt continued my Health, who haſt beſtowed upon me all Things neceſſary for Life and Godlineſs.

I humbly beſeech Thee, O heavenly Father, to pardon whatſoever Thou haſt ſeen amiſs in me this Day, in my Thoughts, Words, or Actions; (particularly *)

Make me, O Lord, throughly ſenſible of the great Weakneſs and Corruption of my Nature, and the many Errors of my Life.

Aſſiſt me, I pray thee, in making it my conſtant Endeavour to reſiſt and conquer every evil Inclination within me, and every Temptation from without.

Help me daily to increaſe in the Knowledge and Love of Thee, my God, and of my Saviour Jeſus Chriſt.

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* *Here let the Child be inſtructed by the Maſter or Miſtreſs, to confeſs and bewail in particular every Sin which may have been committed by him or her in the Day paſt; whether* [Lying, Taking God's Name in vain, Stealing, Quarelling, Stubbornneſs, or any other.]

Shew me the Way in which I ſhould walk, whilſt I am young; and grant that I may never depart from it.

Bleſs to me, I pray, whatſoever good Inſtructions have been given me this Day; help me carefully to remember them, and duly to improve them, that I may be ever growing in Knowledge, and Wiſdom, and Goodneſs.

Bleſs and defend, I beſeech Thee, from all their Enemies, our moſt gracious Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Dowager of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family.

I humbly beg thy Bleſſing alſo upon all our ſpiritual Paſtors and Maſters; all my Relations and Friends, (particularly my * Father and Mother, my Brothers and Siſters) and every one in this Houſe. Let it pleaſe Thee to guide us to thy heavenly Kingdom.

I humbly commit my Soul and Body to thy Care this Night, begging thy gracious Protection and Bleſſing, through Jeſus Chriſt our only Lord and Saviour; in whoſe Words I conclude my Prayers.

Our Father, &c.

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* *Here let the Child mention his or her particular Relations.*

A ſhort Prayer for Children, when they firſt come into their Seats at Church.

LORD, I am now in thy Houſe; aſſiſt, I pray Thee, and accept of my Services: Let thy Holy Spirit help my Infirmities, diſpoſing my Heart to Serioufneſs, Attention and Devotion, to the Honour of thy holy Name, and the Benefit of my Soul, through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

Before they leave their Seats, thus:

BLeſſed be thy Name, O Lord, for this Opportunity of attending Thee in thy Houſe and Service.

Make me, I pray Thee, a Doer of thy Word, not a Hearer only. Accept both us and our Services, through our only Mediator Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

A Grace before Meat.

SAnctify, O Lord, we beſeech Thee, theſe thy good Creatures to our Uſe, and us to thy Service, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Grace after Meat

BLeſſed and praiſed be thy holy Name, O Lord, for theſe and all thy other Bleſſings beſtowed upon us, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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